

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1096

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION; AMENDING TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 46, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL NOTICE OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chapter 46, Title 33, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 46

PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION

33-4601. PARENTAL RIGHTS. (1) A student's parent or guardian is the primary person responsible for the education of the student, and the state is in a secondary and supportive role to the parent or guardian.

(2) School districts and the boards of directors of public charter schools, in consultation with parents, teachers and administrators, shall develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the school district or the charter school, including:

(a) A plan for parent participation in the schools that is designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance and discipline;

(b) A process by which parents may learn about the course of study for their children and review learning materials, including the source of any supplemental educational materials; and

(c) A process by which parents who object to any learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw their children from the activity or from the class or program in which the material is used. Objection to a learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful includes objection to a material or activity because it questions beliefs or practices in sex, morality or religion.

33-4602. ANNUAL NOTICE OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. School districts and the boards of directors of public charter schools shall annually notify a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school district or public charter school of the parent's or guardian's rights as specified in this chapter.